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MEMORANDUM MINUTES
OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS, WASHINGTON, D.C.
13 October 1959
4:00 P. M.

The Commission conferred in executive session pursuant to notice, at 4:00 P.M., with David E. Finley, Chairman, presiding in order to acquaint themselves with the agenda for the meeting the following day and to decrease the items in the order of business by acting on routine administrative matters.

Present were: David E. Finley, Chairman
Douglas W. Orr, Vice Chairman
Ralph Walker
Felix W. deWeldon
William G. Perry
Michael Rapuano
Peter Hurd
L. R. Wilson, Secretary

I. Administration

Date of next meeting: The day of 17 November was chosen for the Executive Session. The 18thof November was chosen for the day of the regular meeting.

II. Shipstead-Luce Act

1. Report of Actions taken on Shipstead-Luce Act Applications Since 25 September 1959 (Report dated 13 October 1959)

The Secretary reported the actions taken by the Shipstead-Luce Panel on building applications received from the Department of Licenses and Inspections since the 25th of September 1959. This report was dated October 13 and comprised Appendix 1 of the Order of Business. The actions as shown on Appendix 1 were confirmed by the members of the Commission and the Secretary was directed to forward this action officially to the Secretary of the District Commissioners for record. EXHIBIT 1

2. Review Report of Actions Taken on Shipstead-Luce Building Applications since the 18th of August 1959 (Report dated 25 September 1959)

This report was circulated to the members for confirmation in order to meet the statutory time limit and it was approved. It was included at this point for review and for making it a part of the official record of the Commission. EXHIBIT 1-a

3. Shipstead-Luce Act, Revision of Boundaries - Status

The Secretary reported that no official action had been taken to his knowledge by either the National Capital Planning Commission or the District Commissioners to restudy the boundaries of the Shipstead-Luce Act, as the Commission had

requested. The Secretary was instructed to inquire of both agencies to find out whether any action could be expected in the near future.

4. Appointment of Mr. Nicholas Satterlee, architect, to serve on the Shipstead-Luce Panel

Mr. Satterlee kindly agreed to serve as a member of the architectural review panel and was duly appointed by the Chairman in a letter of 4 September 1959. He succeeded the late Horace Peaslee.

5. S.L. Application 2218 (1101 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.) - Convert Old Evening Star Building to Hotel

The Secretary referred this building application to the members at the request of the Shipstead-Luce Panel, which had recommended that the application be disapproved. The Panel was of the opinion that this building was a good example of early 20th Century and late 19th Century architecture and should not have its lower stories covered up by a surfacing of modern design , which would destroy the architectural unity that existed in the building. The Secretary cited similar action on a previous case to remodel the lower stories of the Raleigh Hotel at the next corner in the same block of Pennsylvania Avenue, where the converting of the lower stories of the building was also deemed inappropriate. The members of the Commission looked at photographs of the building and supported the recommendation of the Shipstead-Luce Panel that a very suitable building could be arranged without destroying the architecture of the lower stories, especially since very little change in the existing openings themselves was contemplated. The Secretary was instructed to convey this action to the District Department of Licenses and Inspections and to the Secretary of the District Commissioners in the Shipstead-Luce Report noted above.

6. Preliminary Shipstead-Luce Submissions:

a. United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Headquarters Building at Constitution and Louisiana Avenues and 2d St., N.W.

The Secretary reported that the architect for this building, Mr. Holabird, had written him to state that the working drawings were about completed and would be submitted shortly to the Department of Licenses and Inspections for a building permit. Previous informal submissions of this design had been made and the building design now incorporated results of the Commission's discussions on the architectural character of this building. Fronting on Louisiana Avenue, the south facade nearest Constitution Avenue runs at an oblique angle to Constitution Ave., thus making the side of the auditorium and the access to it, visible from the Mall. The architect members considered that the re-entrant angle where the auditorium wall meets the building wall might be handled in a simpler manner. Mr. Walker called

Mr. Holabird and talked to him in Chicago giving him the suggestions of the members. Mr. Holabird stated that he would study the suggestions and would send us the results of his studies.

b. Proposed Apartment Building (The Adams House) at 1939 Summit Place, N.W. (Informal Revision to S.L. 2197)
The Secretary showed the members several sketch drawings which the architect, Mr. Thomen, had prepared after it was found impossible to approve the design he submitted under S.L. 2197. The Shipstead--Luce Panel had carefully considered the sketches and were unable to find a way to take favorable action on any of them and asked that they be referred to the Commission for final action. The members of the Commission were also unable to approve the drawings and instructed the Secretary to prepare a letter to Mr. Thomen for the Chairman's signature. EXHIBIT II

III. OLD GEORGETOWN ACT

1. Report of Actions Taken on Old Georgetown Act Applications since 25 September 1959 (Report dated 13 Oct 1959
The Secretary reported the actions taken on building applications received from the Dept of Licenses and Inspections since 25 September 1959. The report was dated October 13 and comprises Appendix II of the Order of Business. The actions as shown on Appendix II were confirmed by the members of the Commission and the Secretary was directed to forward this action officially to the Secretary of the District Commissioners for record.
EXHIBIT 3

2. Report of Actions Taken on Old Georgetown Act Building Applications Since the 18th of August 1959 (Report dated 25 September 1959)
This report was circulated to the members for confirmation in order to meet the statutory time limit and it was approved. It is included at this point for matters of review and will be made a part of theofficial record of the Commission. EXHIBIT 3-a

3. Old Georgetown Act Status
The Secretary reported that he had no knowledge of any new drafts of the proposed amendment to make the administration of the Old Georgetown Act more effective. He understood, however, that some of the members of the Ad Hoc Committee had approached Senator Bible, Chairman of the Senate District Committee, with one of the drafts which the Commission of Fine Arts had previously indicated it could not endorse. It was also known from information copies of correspondence that the ad hoc committee had approached the National Capital Planning Commission and asked that body to assume the duties of the Old Georgetown Act. It is understood, however, that the committee does intend to try to get some action on amending legislation in the next session of Congress.

IV. REVIEW

a. National Capital Planning Commission - Land Acquisition George Washington Memorial Parkway, Montgomery County, Md., Brookmont Subdivision

The Commission confirmed previous action taken by the Chairman to approve this land acquisition.

b. Legislation:

The following legislation affecting the work of the Commission of Fine Arts was enacted during the last days of the first session of the 86th Congress.

(1) S. 602 (P.L. 86-111) Boy Scout Memorial
(2) S. 2230 (P.L. 86-207) Amending the National Cultural Center Act
(3) S.J.Res. 103 (P.L. 86--290) Byrd Memorial
(4) H.J.Res. 115 (P.L. 86-214) Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial
(5) H.R. 8911 (P.L. 86-345) Statue of George Washington for Uruguay
(6) H.R. 8392 (P.L. 86-378) To amend the D.C. Stadium Act

EXHIBITS 4-9

V. Discussions:

a. Death of Thomas S. Locraft, member of the Shipstead-Luce Panel of Architects

The Secretary reported to the members of the Commission that Thomas H. Locraft, a member of the Shipstead-Luce Panel of architects, had died on 31 August 1959. He stated that a telegram of sympathy to Mrs. Locraft had been sent on behalf of the Commission. Mr. Locraft, a partner of Frederick V. Murphy, former architect member of the Commission, was considered one of the Washington area's most talented architects and his death was a great loss to the architectural profession. He was appointed to the Shipstead-Luce Panel on 1 July 1959 to fill a vacancy occasioned by the death of Horace W. Peaslee and although he had served only a short time,had made constructive contributions to the work of the Panel. The members of the Commission were sorry to hear of Mr. Locraft's death and to lose the benefit of his knowledge and experience in the work of the Shipstead-Luce Panel. They directed the Secretary to record a statement regarding Mr. Locraft's death, in the minutes.

b. Death of John Mead Howells, Former Architect Member of the Commission

The Secretary called to the attention of the members the death of John Mead Howells, architect member of the Commission from 1933 to 1937, who died at an advanced age on September 22, 1959. Mr. Howells served during a period when many of the buildings that compose the central composition of the city, such as the Federal Triangle, were reaching completion. In reply to a message of

sympathy sent by the Secretary to Mrs. Howells, she recalled Mr. Howells' feelings of dedication in serving on the commission. The members paid due respect to Mr. Howells' service to the Commission and asked the Secretary to record a statement regarding Mr. Howells' death, in the minutes.

c. Department of Highways and Traffic, Lighting Standards for Theodore Roosevelt Bridge

Drawings were furnished for the members of the Commission to see beforehand the type of standard and the details of its parts, as they were presented the following day by the Dept of Highways and Traffic. The luminaire and the pole had been given special treatment to make it suitable for the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge and to show its relationship to the railing of the bridge and sidewalk. The design of the standard itself did not appear to be radically different from the regular type of highway standard except for some decorative treatment of the base.

The members of the Commission considered the design to be rather ordinary and again inquired why their suggestion had not been followed to have the lighting of this bridge in the railings, as had been done in a recent highway bridge in New Jersey. It seemed to them that reports of the success of this bridge had been favorable enough to indicate a way of lighting the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge that would eliminate the verticle standards and the glaring luminaires. It was decided to take no action before asking the officials of the Highway Department at the interview on the following day why the rail type of lighting had not been found suitable.

d. Approaches to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge

The Secretary reported that he had been unable to get plans of the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge approaches from the Highway Dept., but that National Capital Planning Commission had loaned him the drawing that had been approved by National Capital Planning Commission in November 1957. Prints of the roadway system that is being proposed by the Dept of Highways and Traffic for the approaches to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge and the interchanges to the Inner Loop and street systems were also shown by members who had procured them from other means than the Highway Department. The complexity of the roadways with double and triple overpasses was immediately apparent, as was the threat which such a roadway system held to the park land and monuments in this area. In the discussion which followed, the members of the Commission agreed that they would have to take strong action and make their views known when speaking to the representatives of the Dept of Highways on the following day. The Chairman noted especially in this discussion that an answer had not been received to his letter of October 1

inviting General Welling, the Engineer Commissioner, to present the roadway system to the Commission at the next meeting. He also cited other occasions at meetings when requests to see these plans for the roadways were made. In the Commission's opinion, the Engineer Commissioners action in doing this would seem to be a violation of the provisions of the enabling act of the Commission and the subsequent Executive Orders.

e. National Capital Parks, Plan for Development of Memorial Avenue to provide a setting for Monuments.

The members of the Commission studied the plan which the Director of National Capital Parks had left with them for study at the August meeting. The members were satisfied that the design followed, for the most part, the plan developed at the time Memorial Bridge and Memorial Avenue were completed. It was further noted that legislation for the Admiral Byrd memorial specified a site in Virginia and it was presumed that the Admiral's would be the first monument to be set in one of the locations provided along the Avenue. The Director of the National Capital Parks was anxious to have the reply of the Commission because it was desirable to make necessary changes in the hedge at this time of year. A continuation of this discussion was held the following day.

f. General Services Administration, Letter to Mr. Floete

The Chairman discussed with the members the advisability of sending a letter to the administrator of GSA in regard to the policy which is being pursued in the selection of architects for public buildings. In the study of these projects over the past few years, the presence of two firms in the work seemed to diminish the merit of the design rather than improve it as was hoped when the practice was started. The Chairman proposed that a letter be written at this time protesting a continuation of the practice and recommending that one architect be chosen so that the design would be the work of one man and not subject to the discussion and confusion that arises when too many architects are involved in designing one building. The Chairman read a draft of a letter he had written for this purpose and the members of the Commission approved sending it to the administrator. EXHIBIT 10

g. Air Force Distinguished Service Medal

The Secretary reported to the members that he had met with representatives of the Air Force and Heraldic Branch and had conveyed to both agencies the action of the Commission in approving the finely modelled design which showed a warrior releasing the bird of flight, in preference to the various other designs of more conventional type which had been submitted. No further word had been received from the Air Force or Heraldic Branch and it was assumed that they were in the process of studying the recommendations and proceeding with steps to adopt the design.

Respectfully submitted:

L. R. Wilson
Secretary

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
13 October 1959
4:00 P. M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. CONVENE, ROOM 7000, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING

2. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 18 November 1959

   Executive Session: 17 November 1959

3. SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT:

   a. Report of Actions taken on Shipstead-Luce Act Applications Since 9/25/59 (Rpt. dated 10/13/59). (Appendix 1)

   b. Report of Actions Taken on Shipstead-Luce Act Applications Since 8/18/59 (Rpt. dated 9/25/59) - Review.

   c. Shipstead-Luce Act Revision ~~to Increase Authority~~ - Status.

   d. Appointment of Nicholas Satterlee to serve on Shipstead-Luce Panel.

   e. S.L. 2218 (1101 Pa. Ave., N.W.) - Convert Evening Star Building to Hotel.

   f. Preliminary Submissions:

      (1) United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners Hq. Bldg. at Constitution & Louisiana Avenues & 2nd St., N.W.

      (2) Proposed Apartment Bldg (The Adams House) at 1839 Summit Place, N.W. (Informal revision to SL 2197).

4. OLD GEORGETOWN ACT:

   a. Report of Actions Taken on Old Georgetown Act Applications Since 9/25/59 (Rpt. dated 10/13/59). (Appendix 2)

   b. Report of Actions Taken on Old Georgetown Act Applications Since 8/18/59 (Rpt. dated 9/25/59). - Review.

   c. Old Georgetown Act - Status.

5. REVIEW:

   a. National Capital Planning Commission - Land Acquisition (George Washington Memorial Parkway, Montgomery County, Md., Brookmont Subdivision)-Confirmation of action completed previously.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF [illegible]
31 October 1959
4:00 P. M.

CHECK OF ATTENDANCE

1. CONVENE, 4:00 P.M., INVOCATION BY [illegible]

2. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 28 November 1959

Executive Session: 27 November 1959

3. SHIPSTEAD-LAWS ACT:

a. Report of Actions taken on Shipstead-Laws Act Applications since 9/25/59 (Apx. dated 10/2/59). (Appendix 1)

b. Report of Actions Taken on Shipstead-Laws Act Applications since 9/1x/59 (Apx. dated 9/25/59) - Review.

c. Shipstead-Laws Act Revision to Increase Membership - Status.

d. Appointment of Fielding Rathbone to serve on Shipstead-Laws Panel.

e. S.L. 2819 (1401 Pa. Ave., N.W.) - Convert Evening Star Building to Hotel.

f. Preliminary Submissions:

(1) United Protestantism of Georgetown & Environs Ltd. Dlg. at Connecticut & Lovejoy Avenues & 42nd St., N.W.

(2) Proposed Apartments Bldg (The Athena Plaza) at 1170 Conn. Ave., N.W. (Informal resolution to St. Dlg?).

4. OLD GEORGETOWN ACT:

a. Report of Actions Taken on Old Georgetown Act Applications Since 9/25/59 (Apx. dated 10/2/59). (Appendix 2)

b. Report of Actions Taken on Old Georgetown Act Applications Since 9/15/59 (Apx. dated 9/25/59). - Review.

c. Old Georgetown Act - Status.

5. NEW ITEMS:

a. National Capital Planning Commission - Land Acquisition (George Washington Memorial Parkway, Montgomery County, Md., Prescott Subdivision)-Confirmation of motion completed previously.

b. Legislation:

(1) S. 602 (P.L. 86-111) Boy Scout Memorial

(2) S. 2230 (P.L. 86-207) Amending the National Cultural Center Act

(3) S.J. Res. 103 (P. L. 86-270) Byrd Memorial

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6. DISCUSSIONS:

a. Death of Thomas Lonraft, member of Shipstead-Luce Panel

b. Death of John M. Howells, Former member of Commission of Fine Arts

c. D.C. Dept of Highways and Traffic - Lighting Standards for D.C.

d. Approaches to Theodore Roosevelt Bridge

e. National Capital Parks - Plans for Statuary for Memorial Avenue

f. General Services Administration - Letter to Mr. Floete reference change in GSA policy of hiring two or more architects to design each government building.

g. Air Force - Distinguished Service Medal

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 9/25/59 10/13/59

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2215	149 Indep. Ave., SE Rector's Restaurant	blue canvas awning attached to front of bldg. over doors & windows. Suspended from bldg; with fixed iron frames. Extend 4' bey. bldg. line.	Disapp'd. Suggest roll-type awning in box to be located on exist. horizontal band, crossing facade at height of main opening if possible. Also suggest submission of sectional drawing showing height of awning above sidewalk & its placement on bldg., 10/7/59
2216	1922 F St., NW Nat'l. Assn. of Life Underwriters	Alterations & addns. to exist. bldg. for use as office for NALU; Alterations to portico, extention to south wing; new fence; constr. sign.	App'd. for alterations to exist. bldg. Tempo. construction sign is app'd. provided its dimensions are reduced to 25 sq-ft, 10/7/59
2217	1800 Sycamore St., NW Mr. Wm. Cohen	5' redwood panel fence & swimming pool.	App'd., 10/7/59
2218	1101 Penna. Ave., NW J.F. Nobel & S.W. Barrow	Convert Evening Star Bldg. into Hotel; alterations to 1st & 2nd fl. facades.	Disap'd. Recom. retaining present arch'l. character & motives of bldg., i. e., stone-work & arches as basis of renovation. Recom. further that design of low addn. be treated separately, 10/13/59

APPENDIX 1

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 8/18/59

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2206	1345 E St., NW Dart Drugs	1 25-sq-ft, s-f sign, individual ltrs. mounted on pins, black plexiglas faces, stainless steel channels, backlighted.	App'd. for exterior sign only, 8/20/59
2207	1301 E St., NW Drug Fair	2 s-f signs, 25 sq-ft each; plexiglas ltrs., interior illuminated, white	Disap'd; recom. sign with back-lighted opaque ltrs., fixed flat against bldg. PREVIOUS ACTION WAS: "Disap'd. Recom. redesign of signs, eliminating trade-mark, & not to exceed 25 sq-ft each; further recom. back-lighted metal ltrs., fixed flat against bldg., with minimum projection of ltrs. beyond plane of bldg. line. Signs should be centered on both facades of business frontage, in good relation to architectural background.", 9/10/59
2208	1113 Pa. Ave., NW Marty's Restaurant	1 s-f 24 sq-ft sign, indirectly lighted, plexiglas ltrs., black & blue ltrs.	Disap'd. See ltr. to Deputy Dr. of Licenses & Inspections dtd. 9/17/59, 9/17/59
2209	2700 Macomb St., NW Richard A. Kirstein & Marvin C. Kay	New 3-story brick & cinder-block apt. bldg.	Disap'd; recom. restudy of arch'l. treatment of bldg. facade, especially (1) Fenestration, where consideration should be given to reducing the number of different size windows; (2) Cornice where gutters & downspouts should possibly be carried around bldg. & treated as part of facade; (3) Roof structures which should be coordinated to reduce chaotic effect, 9/10/59
2210	503-13th St., NW Neptune Restaurant (Warner Bldg.)	Remodel front elevation; marquise, & 2 showwindows to extend 5' & 3' respectively beyond bldg. line	Disap'd. Recom. restudy without projecting show windows & using smaller, straight marquise, 9/21/59
2211	1331 E St., NW Luchs Inv. Co.	Remove front window, install glass door, put in new steps in exist. limestone.	App'd., 9/10/59
2212	2500 Calvert St., NW Shoreham Hotel	Erect pent house for new interior elevator shaft in "B" wing of main Hotel	App'd., 9/10/59
2213	601-15th St., NW Record City	2 s-f illuminated signs	App'd. Recom. signs be located as follows: 1 sign to be centered on 15th St. facade of bldg; the other sign to be located at same distance from corner on F St. side. Both signs to be at same height & placed low on bldg., below stays of metal awnings, 9/17/59.
2214	605-15th St., NW American Savings & Loan Assn.	1 s-f, 35 sq-ft illuminated sign.	App'd. The CFA finds that the execution of the long name involved on this sign requires greater coverage if executed in free-standing, back-lighted opaque ltrs., & approved the design as an exception to the standard 25 sq-ft coverage, 9/17/59.

EXHIBIT 2

17 September 1959

Dear Mr. Kinney:

I am returning herewith building application S. L. 2208 which was submitted on August 21, 1959 to the Commission of Fine Arts for advice on the merits of the design for an illuminated sign at 1113 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest. The design as shown on the drawings submitted with the application only partially meets the objection which the members of the Commission had expressed to previous designs submitted for this location. The top part of the sign would be satisfactory, although a more slender lettering would be better; but, the intent of a sketch suggestion made for the treatment of the lower part of the sign has not been followed. The sketch of a possible solution which was returned to you with S. L. 2192 clearly indicated that a plastic sign of the type that has been resubmitted under S. L. 2208 for the word RESTAURANT would not be what the Commission would approve for this sign.

It must be kept in mind that the glass surface of the street floor wall of this building, by its very nature, attracts attention. We believe that the most desirable sign on this glass background should be one silhouetted against it and that it should not transmit light through the sign itself. The curved light baffle, with RESTAURANT painted on it, as shown in our sketch, will produce this effect. The same silhouetted effect could be also achieved by following the same method for "RESTAURANT" that was used for "QUALITY'S", that is, the letters used for the word RESTAURANT could be attached at their tops to a narrow baffle between the two words.

In other words, we believe that a silhouette-type sign, using all free-standing letters, or a combination of free-standing letters and letters painted on a non-transparent background will be the most suitable type of sign for this location. In view of the opinion expressed by the Commission, we recommend that further study be made by the applicant.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

Mr. R. Donald Kinney
Deputy Director of Licenses
& Inspections
District Building
Washington 4, D.C.

David E. Finley
Chairman

Exhibit 2-a

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 9/25/59 ~~10/13/59~~

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2447	3147 Dumbar. St. Cuthbert R. Train (Store & dwell.)	Replace plate glass in show window with small glass in wood frames.	Recom'd. provided number of panes in front sash is reduced from 36 to 18 (3 rows of 6 panes); & in side sash, from 12 to 6 (3 rows of 2 panes). Muntins should not exceed 3/4" in width. (Note: The architect & the owner have been informed & have accepted this recommended change.), 9/8/59
2448	1211-29th St. Miss Polly Pierson	Install asbestos shingles on frame walls of rear section, 8" clapboard with straight edge.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 9/3/59
2449	1347-30th St. Russell Eldridge	Rebuild exterior steps & areaway, incl. wall around from basement to sidewalk grade.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 9/3/59
2450	2912 M St. Pierre Gaunoux	Replace exist. cast-iron steps with brick steps keeping exist. railing.	Recom'd. for replacing cast-iron steps with brick & retaining exist. railing, as indicated on drawings, 9/4/59
2451	1712-34th St. Miss Jean K. Sherier	Erect brick steps & stoop in place of exist. wood porch; install new front door & frame, new window blinds; paint brick wall & woodwork.	Disapp'd. Recom. restudy making platform & steps symmetrical on center line of front door. Request submission of definite design for front door frame, 10/9/59
2452	1023-30th St. A. C. Davis	Install light fixture at front entr. to house.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 9/8/59
2453	3242 Reser. Rd. Millicent Chatel	Install light outlet & fixture over doorway.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 9/8/59
2454	2912 M St. Pierre Gaunoux	Build cornice above front door & window on 1st fl.	Not recom'd. for changes to door & window heads. Suggest pilasters at sides of door also be removed; & that arch'l. treatment in wood running across front be done as indicated on attached sketch. Moldings should be ret'd. against wall at both sides. (Sketch copy of sample enclosed), 9/22/59
2455	3339 Reser. Rd. John Beatty	Replace deteriorated front cast concrete steps. Exact size & texture as exist.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 9/11/59

APPENDIX 2

EXHIBIT 3

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2456	2711 N St. Alexander Memorial Baptist Church	Install new windows on both sides of Church.	Not recom'd. Suggest use of panes in which vertical dimensions are greater than horizontal dimensions, with muntins not to exceed 3/4" in width. (Note: Material of window sash not noted in application, & photos do not give adequate view of windows to be changed), 9/18/59
2457	3127 M St. G. Y. Worthington & Son	Install cooling tower	Recom'd. as revised on attached drawings. Find that relocation of cooling tower will diminish visibility, & make screening, as suggested in OG 2440, unnecessary, 9/22/59
2458	3418 R St. Marie Sprague	Revision on front outside stairway.	Recom'd. for parts visible from public highway, 9/22/59
2459	3414 P St. Louis G. Richardson	Replace exist. cast iron stoop & stairs with brick stoop & stairs & w. i. railing; add trim to front door.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, with suggestions for following changes: (1) Elimination of ornamental decorations on door frame, & (2) the use of ironwork similar to exist. ironwork for rail. around platform & beside steps, 9/22/59
2460	3042 Dent Pl. Earl W. & Valerie P. Kintner	Replace all window sash with new sash; build fireplace in 1st story & basement; rebuild rear exterior stairs. No enlargements.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 9/22/59
2461	2620 P St. J.F. Harris, III	Raze 2-story wood frame bldg. to be razed in entirety; not condemned by D. C.	No arch'l. or historical characteristics are discernible in this bldg. that would preclude issuing a permit to raze it, 9/22/59
2462	3249 "O" St., J.H. & B.L. Costinett	1-story rear addn. to residence for bath.	Recom'd. (Note: Design of window leaves something to be desired), 10/9/59
2463	3317 M St. Hawkins Service Station	Erect 1 metal prefab tire display cabinet along side property line.	Ret'd. for determination of jurisdiction of the CFA. (Note: No tire rack similar to this one has ever been submitted to the CFA for its recommendations), 10/1/59
2464	3426 "O" St. Graham Lytle	Install new wood siding on front & rebuild stoop to grade.	Recom'd. for work as shown on drawings. It is noted however that work is far advanced & muntins of new window frames installed at 3426 O St. are wider than customary, making a clumsy appearance; it is also noted that changes in east facade of 3426 O St. have not been shown, 10/9/59

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2465	3428 "O" St. Graham Lytle	Rebuild front entr. & steps to sidewalk grade.	Recom'd. for work as shown on drawings; also recom. that muntins in windows at 3428 O St. be narrower & more slender than those used at 3426 O St., which adjoins, 10/9/59
2466	3101 M St. Mexican Shop	Replace 3rd fl. windows; make interior alterations.	Ret'd. for additional inf. Request indication of treatment of M St. windows, especially 3rd fl. center window. Recom. use of 6 over 6 lights similar to exist. windows on 3rd fl. rear elevation, instead of 9 over 9 lights, 10/9/59
2467	3121 M St. Alexander Memorial Baptist Church	Replace six windows, metal window sash	Not recom'd; windows are already installed. Design of divisions of windows should be in harmony & in scale with window openings on St. facade, & divisions of 2 sizes of windows used should be in harmony with each other, 10/13/59

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NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT	ACTION
2439	1204-30th St., France's Restaurant	Erect canvas, canopy-type awning over M St. entr., fixed frame, suspended, no fixed posts, red & white stripe.	Not recom'd. Suggest applicant follow recommendations on this same design, previously reported to your office under OG 2334, dtd. 2/6/59: "Not recom'd. Form of requested hood-type awning with exposed pipe hangers, not considered appropriate for this 18th Century bldg. Prefer to see no awning at this location, but if applicant insists, suggest redesign using sloping awning, whose size & placement are carefully harmonized with other features of facade; also suggest omission of advertising text on awning if contemplated." Prefer green awning, 8/24/59.
2440	3127 M St. Geo. Y. Worthington	Install cooling tower on roof	Recom'd. provided cooling equipment is screened by lattice or other form of screening. Request subm. of screening plans, 8/24/59.
2441	2813 M St., NW Williams & Baker	Enlarge opening in present M St. elevation & rearrange windows.	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 8/24/59
2442	1207-35th St. Glen L. Stalker	General renovations	Not recom'd. Suggest restudy of entr. treatment eliminating false door; further suggest restudy of window sizes & treatment of south & east facades to bring design into closer harmony with treatment of west facade & with intent of P. L. 808, 81st Congress, 8/24/59
2443	3121 South St. Chas. M. Stuart (Office bldg.)	3-story, brick & cinder-block addn. to exist. office bldg.	Recom'd., provided following adjustments in design are made: (1) Start cornice 3 brick-courses above head of 3rd-fl. window & omit recessed panels in parapet; (Cornice to consist of 1 dentil course & 2 regular courses projected from plane of wall as shown); (2) Eliminate horizontal line in brick jambs of main entrance, & bond brick into wall pattern up to point where arch starts, 9/3/59
2444	3630 Prospect Ave. Mr & Mrs H. Struve Hensel	Erect ornamental garden house	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 8/28/59
2445	1227-29th St. Georgetown Constr.Co.	French doors to garden; erect 2 bow windows	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, as revised in drawing dtd. 9/3/59, 9/10/59
2446	1419 Wisc. Ave. Little Caledonia	Replace exist. door opening with new show window	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 9/2/59

Public Law 86-111
86th Congress, S. 602
July 28, 1959

AN ACT

Authorizing the Boy Scouts of America to erect a memorial on public grounds in the District of Columbia to honor the members and leaders of such organization, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Boy Scouts of America, Incorporated, a corporation chartered by the Congress of the United States, is authorized to erect a memorial on public grounds in the District of Columbia, the purpose of which will be to honor the past and present members and leaders of such organization and to commemorate the fifty years of outstanding service to our Nation performed by the members and leaders of such organization.

Boy Scouts.
Erection of Memorial, D.C.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to select, with the approval of the Commission on Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission, a suitable site on public grounds in the District of Columbia upon which may be erected the memorial authorized in the first section: *Provided*, That if the site selected be on public grounds belonging to or under the jurisdiction of the government of the District of Columbia, the approval of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall also be obtained.

Selection and approval of site.

73 Stat. 261.

(b) The design and plans for such memorial shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the Commission on Fine Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission. Such memorial shall be erected without expense to the United States.

73 Stat. 262.

SEC. 3. The authority granted in the first section of this Act shall cease to exist unless (1) the erection of the memorial authorized by such section is commenced within five years from the date of the enactment of this Act, and (2) the Secretary of the Interior finds that, prior to the commencement of the erection of such memorial, sufficient funds are available to insure its completion.

Erection.
Termination.

SEC. 4. The maintenance and care of the memorial erected under the provisions of this Act shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of the Interior.

Maintenance.

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EXHIBIT 4

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THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
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Public Law 86-297
86th Congress, S. 2230
September 21, 1959

AN ACT

73 STAT. 573.

To amend the National Cultural Center Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (b) of section 7 of the National Cultural Center Act (72 Stat. 1698) is amended by striking out the period at the end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "; except that such funds or property, and the income therefrom, shall vest in an organization designated by the donor of such funds or property at the time of the making of the donation thereof, if, at such time, such organization is described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and is exempt under section 501(a) of such Code, and if, at such time, a contribution, bequest, legacy, devise, or transfer to such organization is deductible under section 170, 2055, or 2106 of such Code."

68A Stat. 163.

68A Stat. 58, 390, 398.

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EXHIBIT 5

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Public Law 86-290
86th Congress, S. J. Res. 103
September 21, 1959

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the National Geographic Society to erect a memorial on public grounds in the State of Virginia to honor Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the National Geographic Society is authorized to erect a memorial on public grounds along Memorial Avenue, Arlington County, Virginia (such grounds being now owned by the United States), the purpose of which will be to honor Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd memorial.

73 STAT. 569.

73 STAT. 570.

SEC. 2. (a) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to select, with the approval of the Commission on Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission, a suitable site on public grounds along Memorial Avenue, Arlington County, Virginia, upon which may be erected the memorial authorized in the first section.

(b) The design and materials for such memorial shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, the Commission on Fine Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission. Such memorial shall be erected without expense to the United States.

SEC. 3. The authority granted in the first section of this joint resolution shall cease to exist unless (1) the erection of the memorial authorized by such section is commenced within five years from the date of the enactment of this joint resolution, and (2) the Secretary of the Interior finds that, prior to the commencement of the erection of such memorial, sufficient funds are available to insure its completion.

SEC. 4. The maintenance and care of the memorial erected under the provisions of this joint resolution shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of the Interior.

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EXHIBIT 6

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Public Law 86-214
86th Congress, H. J. Res. 115
September 1, 1959

JOINT RESOLUTION

To reserve a site in the District of Columbia for the erection of a memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, to provide for a competition for the design of such memorial, and to provide additional funds for holding the competition.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in furtherance of the joint resolution approved August 11, 1955 (69 Stat. 694), providing for the establishment of a Commission to formulate plans for a memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and of the interim report of the said Commission made to the President and to Congress, on January 2, 1959, recommending a site for the memorial and a competition for the design thereof, there is hereby reserved that portion of West Potomac Park, in the District of Columbia, which lies between Independence Avenue and the inlet bridge, being twenty-seven acres more or less, to be used as a site for the proposed Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, D.C.

73 STAT. 445.
73 STAT. 446.

SEC. 2. The Commission is authorized to hold a competition or competitions for the proposed memorial, and to award a suitable prize or prizes in connection therewith, but may refuse to employ any successful competitor if it deems that his design should not be used. The competition for the proposed memorial shall be carried out so as to insure that it will be harmonious as to location, design, and land use with the Washington Monument, the Jefferson Memorial, and the Lincoln Memorial. In holding the competition the Commission shall avail itself of the assistance and advice of the Commission of Fine Arts, of the National Capital Planning Commission, and of the National Park Service, and such Commissions and Service shall, upon request, render such assistance and advice.

Proposed memorial competition.

SEC. 3. The Commission shall report the result of the competition, together with its recommendations, to the President and Congress at the earliest practicable date.

Reports to President and Congress.

SEC. 4. There is authorized to be appropriated not more than $150,000 to be expended by the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission in organizing the competitions for plans for the design of the memorial, as authorized by subsection (c) of section 2 of the joint resolution, approved August 11, 1955.

Appropriation.

69 Stat. 694.

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EXHIBIT 7

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THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
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Public Law 86-345
86th Congress, H. R. 8911
September 21, 1959

AN ACT

73 STAT. 620.

To provide for the presentation by the United States of a statue of General George Washington to the people of Uruguay, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State is authorized and requested to procure a bronze statue of General George Washington and present the same, on behalf of the people of the United States, to the people of Uruguay as an expression of appreciation for the gift by the people of Uruguay of a bronze statue of General José Gervasio Artigas to the United States. Such statue shall be prepared only after the design, plans, and specifications therefor have been submitted to and approved by the National Commission of Fine Arts.

Uruguay.
Presentation of Gen. George Washington statue.

Sec. 2. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, including payment of the cost of such statue, the design and construction of a suitable pedestal therefor, transportation, including insurance, and traveling expenses of persons delegated by the Secretary of State to present such statue, on behalf of the people of the United States, to the people of Uruguay.

Appropriation.

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EXHIBIT 8

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THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
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Public Law 86-378
86th Congress, H. R. 8392
September 23, 1959

AN ACT

73 STAT. 702.

To amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 with respect to motor-vehicle parking areas, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 is amended as follows:

D.C. Stadium Act of 1957, amendment. 71 Stat. 619. D.C. Code 2-1720 note.

(1) Section 2 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "The Board is authorized to provide for the construction of such stadium by such means as it determines will most effectively carry out this Act (including, but not limited to, a negotiated contract)."

(2) The first sentence of section 3 is amended by inserting immediately after "operation of the stadium" the following: "(including the operation and maintenance of motor-vehicle parking areas)".

(3) Section 3 is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to construct and prepare in areas A, C, D, and E only, on such site, as such areas are indicated on National Capital Parks Map numbered 1.7–146, motor vehicle parking areas, including driveways, walks, lighting, and landscaping, at a total cost not to exceed $2,660,000."

(4) Paragraph (5) of section 5 is amended to read as follows:

"(5) to light, operate, and maintain motor-vehicle parking lots;".

(5) Paragraph (9) of section 5 is amended by inserting immediately after "stadium" the first place where it occurs the following: ", and in operating and maintaining the motor-vehicle parking areas in connection therewith".

(6) Subsection (a) of section 6 is amended by inserting immediately after "stadium" at each of the six places where it appears therein the following: "and the lighting, operation, and maintenance of motor-vehicle parking areas in connection with such stadium".

(7) The last sentence of subsection (a) of section 6 is further amended by striking out "maintaining and operating it," and inserting in lieu thereof "maintenance and operation,".

(8) Section 10 is amended by inserting immediately after "stadium" the first place where it occurs a comma and the following: "and of the operation and maintenance of the motor-vehicle parking areas in connection therewith,".

(9) Section 11 is amended by striking out "necessary motor-vehicle parking areas, and".

SEC. 2. Section 8 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish a District of Columbia Armory Board, and for other purposes", approved June 4, 1948 (D.C. Code, sec. 2–1708), as amended, is amended by inserting "and related motor-vehicle parking areas" immediately after "in connection with the operation of the stadium".

62 Stat. 341.

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EXHIBIT 9

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THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
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Dear Mr. Foster:

At the meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts held on [illegible] October, the members spent some time reviewing the present situation in the District of Columbia as regards the design of public buildings recently erected. There has been, as you know, criticism in the press with reference to many of the buildings and also the fact that some of the most distinguished architects in the country are not represented by buildings in Washington. The Commission is entirely in agreement with such views and feels that the present situation is [illegible] is due in part to the fact that, in connection with the present policy of the General Services Administration, it is customary to select two or more architects to design important buildings.

It has been the experience of the architect members of the Commission, Mr. Douglas Orr of New Haven, Mr. William G. Perry of Boston and Mr. Aymar Embury of New York, that when a building is designed by two or more architects, the result is a compromise and not an original conception in the mind, as should be the case.

We realize, of course, that your action is inspired by the laudable desire to give employment to as many American architects as possible, particularly since a commission for an important Government building in Washington is a great and lasting honor to any member of the profession. We share this desire on your part, but feel that it is more important that the Government should secure the best plan that can be obtained in quality and workmanship for its buildings.

We hope, therefore, that you will reconsider a change in policy which would place the distinguished and competent architects in charge of designing such important Government buildings as the Archives and the Smithsonian Annex, if not throughout the whole country. The Commission would be glad to discuss this matter with you if you desire [illegible] at one of our future meetings.

EXHIBIT 10